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The Koran and the Book of Mormon.

It (the Book of Mormon) is not dissimilar to Mohammed's account of his vision and revelation. But Mohammed at that time was forty years of age, while Smith had his vision at twenty-two. Mohammed lived in an age of Cimmerian darkness, and his new religion was a manifest improvement upon the idolatry and polytheism of Arabia. Smith lived in the nineteenth century, and his new theology was stupid and retrogressive. Mohammed was a prosperous merchant and of high reputation. Smith was a man of no standing and no influence. Yet Mormonism gained more converts in the first three years than Mohammedanism. Smith made a pretense of translating the gold plates, the resulting production being popularly known as the Book of Mormon or sometimes as the Gold Bible. It is dull and prolix in the extreme and is what Mark Twain would pronounce "chloroform in print." It is a bold attempt to counterfeit the Jewish Chronicles, and is about as long as the Old Testament. It purports to detail the flight from Jerusalem, about 600 B. C., or before its destruction, of Lehi with his wife and sons, Ishmael with his sons and daughters, and Zoram, many of whom subsequently intermarried. Lehi believed in the coming of a Messiah and was reviled by his countrymen, and so he set out under God's guidance to escape from them. After eight years' wanderings in a south-easterly direction, and hardships and privations, they arrived on the seashore. Here there were constructed, according to command, vessels which bore them across the great sea, finally reaching this Continent, and according to later Mormon revelation, the coast of Chile.—*New Princeton Review for September.*

Former Earthquakes in Charleston.

From early historical records it is learned that Charleston was visited with a very slight shock of an earthquake on May 19, 1754; by a violent earthquake, accompanied by heavy wind and considerable rumbling sound, on April 4, 1799; by a slight shock on September 10, 1811; by violent and repeated shocks of an earthquake, six distinctly felt, on December 16, 1811; by slight shocks of an earthquake January 24th, and two slight shocks February 4, 1812; by shocks of an earthquake, accompanied by a rumbling and hissing sound, February 7, 1813; and by several slight shocks, December 19, 1857.

Jeff Davis is sorry he cannot say "fellow citizens" when he addresses his countrymen. A very large proportion of his countrymen are glad he is sorry.

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